

This is a reply to the comments filed by Ronald Ott.

Mr. Ott, thank you for taking an interest in my case. Unfortunately I do not think it would be feasible to hold an FCC license renewal hearing by teleconference because it would be impossible to evaluate the witnesses' demeanor while testifying, and to prevent cribbing from notes, just to name two problems, and there are others. Both the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and the APA provide that I have the right to subpoena witnesses for a personal appearance at the hearing; I think that waiving that right would be quite disadvantageous to me; and I'll bet you a nickel that the Enforcement Bureau feels the same way. So whatever venue is chosen (if the Commission does not grant review and summarily renew my license), I think the parties need to appear there personally.